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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PEKING VISIT

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1. IN HABIB'S ABSENCE, GLEYSTEEEN BRIEFED ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN ON SECRETARY'S PEKING VISIT, ALONG LINES OF REFTELS AND SECRETARY'S PRESS STATEMENTS. GLEYSTEEEN CAUTIONED SHEN AGAINST ASSUMING THAT LACK OF DRAMATIC PROGRESS ON NORMALIZATION MEANT THERE WOULD BE NO PROGRESS OR THAT US HAD BEEN DEFLECTED FROM POLICY OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. SIMILARLY, PRESS PLAY ABOUT ALLEGEDLY "COLD" ATMOSPHERE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT SHOULD NOT BE MISCONSTRUED AS MAJOR DISRUPTION IN US/PRC RELATIONSHIP. US AND PRC CONTINUED TO SHARE IMPORTANT COMMON INTERESTS DESPITE THEIR CONSIDERABLE AND WELL-PUBLICIZED DIFFERENCES OVER SUCH ISSUES AS DETENTE.

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2. SHEN ASKED IF CHINESE RAISED TAIWAN ISSUE. GLEYSTEN REPLIED THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN TOUCHED ON, THOUGH NOT IN A PROMINENT WAY, IN THE COURSE OF A REITERATION OF VIEWS. SHEN ALSO ASKED IF THE US WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN A "RENUNCIATION OF FORCE" AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC CONSISTENT WITH PAST EFFORTS AT GENEVA AND WARSAW. GLEYSTEN SAID

THAT HE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS NATURE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAD TO BEAR IN MIND TAIWAN'S SECURITY AND WELL-BEING DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRC ON NORMALIZATION. FINALLY, SHEN ASKED A NUMBER OF LESS TRICKY QUESTIONS ABOUT CONDITIONS IN CHINA WHICH GLEYSTEN ANSWERED AS BEST HE COULD, EMPHASIZING THAT HIS REPLIES WERE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE. KISSINGER

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